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UNSATURATED FATTY ACID-
CONTAINING OILS**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In The Claims:

Please cancel claims 21 and 22, without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter disclosed therein.

~~Please replace claims 13, 14, 19, 29 and 32 as follows:~~

13. (Twice Amended) An arachidonic acid-containing oil characterized by having a 24,25-methylenecholest-5-en-3 β -ol compositional ratio in a proportion of 1.2 or less with respect to the desmosterol compositional ratio, and an arachidonic acid content of 30 to 50%.

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